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On June 8, CDA and A/DCM met with MFA Secretary of State (and Acting Foreign Minister) Ouch Borith regarding reftel. Charge cited reftel points and noted the continued detention of Aung San Suu Kyi. He added that while Cambodia was not a member of the UNSC, Cambodia is a member of ASEAN and this issue is particularly relevant to the ASEAN member states. The USG, he continued, is asking that Burma be put on the UNSC agenda; there is no mention of sanctions or punitive measures. He provided a copy of the talking points as well as the draft resolution, adding that the USG would welcome Cambodia's suggestions as to wording of the resolution. Borith said that Cambodia has taken a tougher stance on Burma more recently, but he would have to consult with Foreign Minister Hor Namhong on this issue. Burma is a very sensitive issue for Cambodia because of ASEAN, he added. He said that the MFA would consider the USG request but could not make any commitment on behalf of the Minister. STORELLA